

such sums as are necessary to commission a drug test for MDMA which would meet the standards for the Federal Workplace.

**SEC. 8006. NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE REPORT.**

(a) **RESEARCH.**—The Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (referred to in this section as the “Director”) shall conduct research—

(1) that evaluates the effects that MDMA use can have on an individual’s health, such as—

(A) physiological effects such as changes in ability to regulate one’s body temperature, stimulation of the cardiovascular system, muscle tension, teeth clenching, nausea, blurred vision, rapid eye movement, tremors, and other such conditions, some of which can result in heart failure or heat stroke;

(B) psychological effects such as mood and mind altering and panic attacks which may come from altering various neurotransmitter levels such as serotonin in the brain;

(C) short-term effects like confusion, depression, sleep problems, severe anxiety, paranoia, hallucinations, and amnesia; and

(D) long-term effects on the brain with regard to memory and other cognitive functions, and other medical consequences; and

(2) documenting those research findings and conclusions with respect to MDMA that are scientifically valid and identify the medical consequences on an individual’s health.

(b) **FINAL REPORT.**—Not later than January 1, 2003, the Director shall submit a report to the Congress.

(c) **REPORT PUBLIC.**—The report required by this section shall be made public.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

**SEC. 8007. INTERAGENCY ECSTASY/CLUB DRUG TASK FORCE.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy shall establish a Task Force on Ecstasy/MDMA and Emerging Club Drugs (referred to in this section as the “task force”) which shall—

(A) design, implement, and evaluate the education, prevention, and treatment practices and strategies of the Federal Government with respect to Ecstasy, MDMA, and emerging club drugs; and

(B) specifically study the club drug problem and report its findings to Congress.

(2) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The task force shall—

(A) be under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, who shall designate a chairperson; and

(B) include as members law enforcement, substance abuse prevention, judicial, and public health professionals as well as representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies.

(b) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The responsibilities of the task force shall be—

(1) to evaluate the current practices and strategies of the Federal Government in education, prevention, and treatment for Ecstasy, MDMA, and other emerging club drugs and recommend appropriate and beneficial models for education, prevention, and treatment;

(2) to identify appropriate government components and resources to implement task force recommendations; and

(3) to make recommendations to the President and Congress to implement proposed improvements in accordance with the National Drug Control Strategy and its budget allocations.

(c) **MEETINGS.**—The task force shall meet at least once every 6 months.

(d) **TERMINATION.**—The task force shall terminate 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 20, 2001, at 11:30 a.m., in executive session to consider a civilian nomination and pending military nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, December 20, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., on the nomination of John Magaw to be Undersecretary of Transportation Security, (DOT).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Ellen Gerrity, of my staff, be allowed floor privileges for the duration of today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRAHAM. I ask unanimous consent Tiffany Smith, a fellow in our office, be permitted the privilege of the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to H.J. Res. 79, the continuing resolution, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) was read the third time and passed.

**CONVENING OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 107TH CONGRESS**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.J. Res. 80, which we have just received from the House and is now at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the joint resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 80) appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the one hundred seventh Congress.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 80) was read the third time and passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Montana is recognized.

**TAX EXTENDERS**

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, in a few moments I am going to ask that the Senate take up and pass the tax extenders legislation. It is unfortunate that the Congress, along with the President, were unable to agree on a stimulus to the American economy that would provide not only a boost to the American economy, but also assistance to those who have lost unemployment compensation benefits as a consequence of the decline in the economy accelerated by the events of September 11, as well as those who have lost health insurance as a consequence of losing their jobs.

It is almost axiomatic that the economy is in tough shape. I do not expect with a high degree of certainty that the Congress is going to come back to where we would like to be very quickly.

There are some small points which I think we should keep in mind. One is that auto sales broke records with zero percent financing, and the auto companies get most of their income from financing. So they were not making any money these past couple of months, which means reports coming out next quarter and even this quarter will not be high.

The same applies to retail sales. It is the Christmas season. We know stores across the country, in order to encourage more sales, are giving tremendous discounts, which clearly discounts that company’s income.

We are going to have to face a stimulus package and should this next year. I hope we do it in a much more accommodating manner than we have in the last several weeks.

I am not going to get into the blame game. I am not going to say who